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-- PATENT APPLICATION --

Applicants: Jose R. Gonzales-Martin et al. Docket No.: 29131.2241
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Title: ROBOTIC METHOD OF Examiner: To Be Assigned
TRANSFERRING WORKPIECES Art Unit: To Be Assigned
TO AND FROM WORKSTATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment to prosecute a group of claims subjected to a restriction requirement in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 08/926,700, filed September 10, 1997. This Preliminary Amendment also adds new claims 124-126.

In the Specification

Please delete the title on Page 1 of the application, and insert in its place the following new title: **--ROBOTIC METHOD OF TRANSFERRING WORKPIECES TO AND FROM WORKSTATIONS--**

On Page 1 of the application, above the heading "Field of the Invention", please insert the following: